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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF PODIATRY

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Cannon Building, Second Floor- Conference Room B

MINUTES APPROVED: April 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Raymond Feehery, President, Professional Member

Dr. Luis Garcia, Professional Member

Dr. James Bray, Professional Member (entered at 5:09 p.m.)

Amy Kratz, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Philip Mandel, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

There was no public present.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Feehery called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Dr. Feehery, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed, with Ms. Kratz abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Stevenson discussed with the Board the Chaperone Bill. The Podiatry Board is in agreement with the Bill.

NEW BUSINESS

RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE LIST

Ray Ivanovs

Dr. Feehery reviewed the application. Dr. Garcia made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bray, to ratify the licensure list as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

Arthrex

Dr. Garcia reviewed the application. Dr. Bray made a motion, seconded by Dr. Garcia, to approve Arthrex – Advanced Ankle Instability & Arthroscopy and Sports Injuries for 16 hours. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion about "In Training License"

Dr. Feehery opened the discussion about the "In Training License" with a couple of emails sent by Dr. Contompasis. The Board discussed some of the concerns that Podiatrist's in training have with the taking part three of the Boards. Currently Podiatrist's have to take part three of the Boards before they start their residency. Here are some of the recommendations the Board would like to make as list:

- 1. Grant an "in training license" without having taken or passed part three of the National Board exam
- 2. Podiatrist will need to complete and pass by end of 1st year residency program.
- 3. Should the Podiatrist in training fail part 3 of the Boards, the Board of Podiatry will have to investigate the policy at Christiana Care's for their MD and DO's on continuing the resident to see what is current. Ms. Wagner is going to research the Rules and Regulations governing the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline's Rules and Regulations on MD and DO's in residency programs.
- 4. The changes the Board would like to make will need to go through the Legislative process.

After a lengthy discuss with the Board's attorney, the Board is going to be working on making the appropriate changes to be presented at next year's Legislative session. If the changes get approved they could possibly be in effect by June/July 2013.

HBO Treatment

The Board office received another inquiry from Dr. Mote about allowing HBO treatment in Hospital's and having a Podiatrist supervises this procedure. Dr. Feehery stated that Dr. Mote was going to get some information together for the Board to look at. This information would show what guidelines other hospitals use that would allow this procedure to be performed by a Podiatrist. The Board members decided to write a letter to all hospital's in Delaware and see if this is something they would approve at their facility and if they would or do, what criteria is needed. Dr. Feehery will be drafting the letter that will go out to all hospitals in Delaware. Ms. Wagner will then send the letter out on behalf of the Board of Podiatry.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

New State Regulations for in Office Procedures

The Board discussed House Bill 47 and House Bill 144. House Bill 47 relates to unsanitary or unsafe conditions and House Bill 144 relates to facilities where invasive medical procedures are performed. The Board would like to submit letters to all sponsor's of the Bills to give them the Board's thoughts and concerns. The Board of Podiatry would like to be involved or know the specific's of what the Rules and Regulations are going to be for both House Bills 47 and 144. The Board realizes this is to protect the public but have grave concerns on how this is going to affect the patients. Dr. Garcia and Dr. Bray will draft letters to all sponsors and will send to Dr. Feehery for review. The letters will go to Ms. Wagner to send out after being approved by Dr. Feehery.

Complaint Status

Mr. Stevenson reported the status of the following complaints:

• Complaint 15-02-09 has been dismissed by the AG's office.

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- Complaint 15-02-10 has been reassigned to Dr. Ray Feehery since Dr. Savage is no longer on the Board.
- Complaint 15-01-11 Hearing has been scheduled with Hearing Officer. (Dr. Garcia)
- Complaint 15-02-11 was assigned to Dr. Bray.
- Complaint 15-04-11 was assigned to Dr. Feehery.
- Complaint 15-04-11 was assigned to Dr. Bray.
- Complaint 15-06-11 was assigned to Dr. Feehery.

Board Certification

This discussion took place in November and should not have been on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled board meeting is April 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room "B" of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware, 19904.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Feehery made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bray, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Wagner

Administrative Specialist III

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